



Youth Olympics Medalist

MAC student **Finn Bilous** (Year 12) has claimed New Zealand's first ever Winter Youth Olympic Games medal, winning silver in the halfpipe.

Finn, who also had the honour of being flag bearer for the New Zealand team at the opening ceremony on Thursday, said "the Games have been amazing so far. Being flag bearer was a fantastic experience and now winning a medal today just tops everything off." Finn goes on to compete in the freeski slopestyle event on Saturday (Sunday morning NZT) alongside team-mate Jackson Wells.

The competition will be livestreamed via the IOC YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/Olympics

Congratulations on this great achievement Finn!



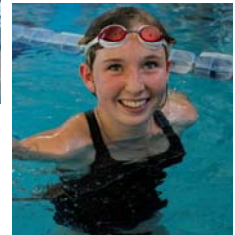
STOP PRESS!

Challenge Wanaka still require more volunteers to help this weekend. Year 13's - don't forget that if you do four or more hours it can count as one of your Students in the Community projects.

To volunteer either register online at www.challengewanaka.com/volunteer or email Jo Guest volunteer@challenge-wanaka.com or call [021 253 8213](tel:0212538213).



Action from MAC Swim Champs. Nail-biting results next week!



Other Exciting Achievements from Ex-MAC Students

Last week **Craig Murray** (Year 13 in 2015) won the Chamonix leg of the Freeride Junior Tour - his first major international win.

Mattias Inwood (Year 13 in 2011) has recently finished his training at Toi Whakaari and has just landed his first big break acting alongside Irish actor Colm Meaney in a drama pilot about the young William Shakespeare.

For further information check out:

<https://www.facebook.com/mountaspiringcollege>

PLEASE NOTE: We would love to sum up the successes of ex-MAC students from time to time. If you know of a student who deserves a mention please email the details through to shersonm@mtaspiring.school.nz.

Introducing New Members of Staff ...

Miss Vicky Brown, BPhEd, Postgrad DipTch(Sec)

Vicky has come to us from Blenheim where she spent the last four and a half years teaching PE, Health and Outdoor Education at Marlborough Girls College.

Brought up on a farm in Raetihi, central North Island, Vicky went to boarding school in Whanganui before spending a gap year at a prep school in the south of England. She completed her Physical Education degree and teaching diploma in Dunedin before taking a job teaching position at Southland Girls in Invercargill for three years.

Wanting to see a bit more of the world, Vicky spent the next two years travelling, and working in Canada, before returning to NZ at the end of 2010.

Vicky has been involved in running camps at all school levels, taking kids overseas with World Challenge, assisting with kids' teams in the Goldrush event, as well as several sports teams and school initiatives. She has also spent a bunch of time guiding canoe trips on the Whanganui River.

When not at school, Vicky will be chasing fun adventures outside (mountain biking, tramping, skiing, climbing and the odd game of squash) and taking in everything Wanaka has to offer. She looks forward to meeting you all.



Miss Gemma Cowie, BPhEd MTchLn

Miss Cowie is originally from a sheep and beef station located in a small rural area called Hindon. She attended boarding school in Dunedin and then went on to complete the majority of her study and teacher training at the University of Otago. During her studies she represented the University of Otago on a global exchange to the University of Toronto, Canada.

This is Miss Cowie's first year of teaching and she is excited to begin her teaching career at Mount Aspiring College.

Miss Cowie's interests include playing and coaching both netball and basketball as well as going out for a water ski during the summer and mountain ski during the winter. She looks forward to pursuing these interests both inside and outside of school.



Miss Rebecca Scully, BAPSc (sports exercise), GradDipTch(Sec)

Although she has been living in Christchurch for the passed five years, Miss Scully is originally from Cromwell. She did a degree in Sport and Exercise Science followed by a graduate diploma in teaching. This is her first year teaching and she is really excited to be here at MAC. She's the youngest in her family with two older brothers and her hobbies include hockey, swimming and touch rugby.



Confidential medical service
FREE
to all students at URSpace
every Monday lunchtime

TEAM UP CONFERENCES

**Wednesday 9 March and
Tuesday 15 March**

This is a chance to meet the teacher and help your child to set their individual goals for the year. More information will follow shortly, but note these dates in your diary now.



Welcome to the library!

Students are allowed to borrow 4 books for 3 weeks. After that reminder emails are sent weekly to students, then to parents. Books issued and overdue books can be seen on the portal in the library section. Textbooks are not visible in this section.

You may be receiving emails from "librarymessage" concerning books borrowed in 2015 which have not yet been returned. If these are not found and returned within the next couple of weeks we will assume that they have been lost and we will ask for a replacement fee to cover the purchase of a new copy of the book. If you subsequently find the book please return it and we'll cancel the invoice.

If there are any problems with returning the book, please talk to the librarian as the database just keeps sending emails until the overdue book problem is solved.

Florence Micoud
Kaitiaki-pukapuka ~ Librarian

The secret is out of the bag!

The 2016 MAC college production is...

FOOTLOOSE!

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Performances at the Lake Wanaka Centre:

Wednesday 4 – Saturday 7 May

Weekend / Bank Holiday Rehearsals:

Saturday 12 / Sunday 13 March, 10 am - 4 pm
Monday 21 March (Anniversary w/e), 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday 29 March (Easter Tuesday), 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday 16 / Sunday 17 April, 10 am - 4 pm
**** Saturday 30 April (Holidays), 10 am - 4 pm**
**** Sunday 1 May, (Holidays), 10 am - 4 pm**
**** ABSOLUTELY NON - NEGOTIABLE**

Weekly Rehearsals

There are at least three after-school acting rehearsals a week (typically Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) and there will be lunchtime rehearsals for dancers and the band.

The rehearsal schedule is intensive, but the timeline is very short so 100 percent commitment to the project is essential. All students involved are expected to make their commitment to rehearsals a top priority and to communicate as early as possible if there is a problem with committing to any rehearsal dates.

Parents can help us with this by checking the above dates and signposting any problems to director Emily McRae (mcrace@mtaspiring.school.nz).

Please also be aware that other rehearsal days may be required during the school holidays for those with major roles - we will keep you informed.

This is a really exciting opportunity involving at least ten percent of the whole school and it is great to have decided on the cast and started the rehearsals - Bring it on!

Emily McRae (Director) 021 3645 99
Mat Doyle (Musical Director) 027 427 3749
Gena Bagley (Co Dance Director) 021 1274368#

Wanaka A&P Show - 11/12 March

Are you good at baking / sewing / photography? Then why not make an entry at the A&P show? Loads of prizes up for grabs. Schedules are available from www.wanakashow.co.nz



TONIGHT! Thursday 18 February, 7 - 10 pm
Allemande Joy Contra Dance

MAC Performance Room

LIVE BAND! No partner needed. Adults \$5, Students gold coin donation.
All dances will be taught. FUN GUARANTEED!

GYMNASTICS

Aspiring Gymsports offer gymnastics for teens on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Look them up on Facebook / email info@aspiringgymsports.co.nz.

ASPIRING ATHLETES

Tuesday and Thursday Aspiring Athletics Club. Meet on the field at 3:30 pm. Orienteering is on Tuesday afternoons. Registrations: www.aspiringathletes.co.nz.

SWIM TRAINING

If the MAC swim sports has inspired you to improve your swimming technique or times, Wanaka Swim Club offers fitness, development and competitive squads for all students.

CENTRAL OTAGO SPORTS AWARDS

Sport Central is staging the 2016 Central Otago Sports Awards for the sporting triumphs achieved during the 2015 calendar year. All Central Otago sportspeople - junior, senior, amateur or professional - are eligible for the awards. See Jacky for a copy of the nomination form.

Important Dates

Term 1 (1 February - 15 April)

Week 4	22 - 26 February	Pounawea Camp (7WN and 7BW)
	23 - 26 February	Level 3 OP Makarora Trip
	24 February	Level 2 Biology Field Trip
Week 5	Wednesday 2 March	MAC Athletics
	Thursday 3 March	Gateway First Aid Course
	Friday 4 March	MAC Athletics Finals
Week 6	Tuesday 8 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Wednesday 9 March	Team Up Conferences
	Thursday 10 March	Level 3 Shotover OP Trip
	Friday 11 March	HPV Vaccination
	Friday 11 March	Mufti Day
Week 7	Tuesday 15 March	Team Up Conferences
	Wednesday 16 March	Gateway Health and Safety Course
	17-18 March	Summer Quadrangular Tournament (Winton)
Week 8	Monday 21 March	Otago Anniversary Day - college closed
	Friday 25 March	Good Friday - college closed
Week 9	28-29 March	Easter - college closed
Week 10	31 March - 4 April	Year 9 Camp Week

ADVANCED WARNING

Tuesday 13 September

MATHS MCAT exam for All Level 1 students

This is an external exam and the date is **not negotiable**. Please mark this date clearly on your calendar and ensure that it does not clash with any family appointments or holidays.



TERM DATES 2016

Term 2: 2 May - 8 July
Queen's Birthday: 6 June
Term 3: 25 July - 23 September
Term 4: 10 October - 13 December
Labour Day: 24 October

MAC ATHLETICS TIMETABLE~ WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

Time	BOYS		GIRLS			
	Running	Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (O16)
8.35 - 8.45	Whanau meet on the school field for a roll to be taken					
8.45 - 9.25	100 m Heats	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
9.25 - 10.05	400 Finals	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
10.05 - 10.45	200 m Heats	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
10.45 - 11.20	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
11.20 - 12.00	Complete racing	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
All Morning Events Must be Completed before Midday						
	GIRLS		BOYS			
	Running	Year 7	Year 8	Under 14	Under 16	Seniors (O16)
12.00 - 12.40	100 m Heats	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin
12.40 - 1.20	400 Finals	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump	Discus
1.20 - 2.00	200 m Heats	Discus	Throw	Long Jump	Shot	High Jump
2.00 - 2.35	800 m	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump	Shot
2.35 - 3.10	Complete racing.	Shot	High Jump	Discus	Javelin	Long Jump
3.10	Roll check to be completed at the conclusion of the day. Meet in Whanau groups.					

FINALS ~FRIDAY 4 MARCH

Time	Event
1.00	1500 m Year 7 - 13, starting with the year 7 group.
2.00 - 3.15	100m Finals 200m Finals House Relays

PARENT HELP REQUIRED

Please can any parents / caregivers interested in assisting with timekeeping on Athletics Day contact Rob Bruce (brucer@mtaspiring.school.nz)

FREESKI UPDATE

Manu Barnard spent his summer competing in the Freeride junior tour in the United States. He had a successful trip, winning both the Tahoe and Utah Junior Freeride Series.

Unfortunately, Manu crashed in the final of the US nationals having qualified in the top 10, but congratulations on these other impressive results!

GOOD LUCK TO:~

Jack Findlay, Sam Cottier, Ben Silipo and Ryder van Lune who are heading to Auckland this week for the NZ junior swim championships. Also to Emma Palmer, Abby Fisher, Emily Heath and Emily Findlay for the South Island Town and Country swim champs next week.

BOYS FUTSAL TRIALS

Saturday 20 February
12:00 noon
in the gym.

The trials are for Year 9 -13 students wanting to attend either the Otago or NZ Secondary Schools futsal tournaments.

SWIMMING NEWS

Hamish McLean attended a 7 week training camp with the Para NZ swim team over the summer. He went on to compete at the Auckland Age Groups and Victorian Open Champs, where he achieved Personal Best times in almost all events. Hamish is now ranked 8th in the World for two events and is looking forward to the NZ Open Swimming Champs in March where they will be selecting the Para NZ team for the Rio Paralympics 2016!

King and Queen of Sticky Forest

Well done to all the MAC students who competed and congratulations to the following for their podium placings:

Beginners

Jesse Robertson / Bella Fraser (1st), Flynn Brown / Kalani Muirhead (2nd), Campbell Russell (3rd)

Weekend Warrior

Ty Sarginson (1st), Harrison Brown (2nd), Campbell Wright (3rd)

Open Class

Phoebe Young (1st)

Important Sporting Dates

20 February	Otago Junior Tennis Champs, Dunedin
21 February	Otago Southland Waterskiing Champs, Miller's Flat
2 March	MAC Athletics Champs
3 March	COPSSA Swimming, Cromwell
4 March	MAC Athletics Finals
6 March	SISS Triathlon / Duathlon, Oamaru
11 - 12 March	Otago SS Athletics Champs, Dunedin
18 - 19 March	Otago / Southland Athletics Champs, Invercargill
18 - 19 March	Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, Dunedin
19 March	SISS Rowing Champs, Twizel
19 March	NZSS Whitewater Kayaking, Wanaka
23 March	COPSSA Triathlon, Cromwell
31 March	Otago Primary Schools Triathlon, Cromwell
1-3 April	SISS Athletics, Timaru
2 April	SISS Adventure Race, Cromwell
4 - 8 April	SISS Sunburst Regatta, Dunedin
4 - 9 April	NZSS Rowing - Maadi Cup, Twizel
5 - 8 April	NZSS Futsal Tournament, Wellington
6 - 8 April	NZSS Triathlon / Duathlon / Open Water Swim, QT

For more information, to register your interest, or to list an event, please contact Jacky at the Sports Hub, or email: sports@mtaspiring.school.nz

NETBALL, NETBALL, NETBALL.....

Key Netball Dates

Thursday 11 February: Meeting for netballers wanting to trial for SENIOR teams at interval. Meet by the stage outside room 21.

Friday 12 February: ALL netball players interested in pre-season training. Meet in the gym at interval.

Monday 29 February, Thursday 3 March, Monday 7 March:

Trials for senior netball: 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Please sign up outside the Sports Hub by **26 February**. For more information please text Tracey Gibson 027 2016177.

Saturday 12 March: Fundraising event for the 'A' team.

Tuesday 8 March: Mt Aspiring Netball Club AGM, 7.00 pm in Room 2

Tuesday 8 March and Thursday 10 March: Registration and payment of subs (\$85.00 per student). Cheques to be made payable to Mt Aspiring Netball Club.

JUNIOR NETBALL

Parents: Please email ashtonv@mtaspiring.school.nz if you're interested in coaching.

Trial dates will be advertised later this term.

SWIMMING:

Students who have qualified for Central Otago Primary School swimming (3 March) will receive a letter this week: please let me know asap if your child is unable to make the event. *Anyone who meets the qualifying times can swim at the Otago Primary or Secondary Schools champs 8-9 April). Qualifying times are on the noticeboard outside the Sportshub. Please sign up by 26 February.*

ATHLETICS:

Anyone (year 9- 13) can enter the Otago Secondary Schools athletics champs in Dunedin on 11- 12 March.
If you'd like to compete at Otago athletics champs, **please let Jacky know by Friday.**

UPPER CLUTHA RUGBY AGM

**Thursday 18 February, 7.00pm
Rugby Club Rooms**

Please email any apologies to hazam@xtra.co.nz

DAILY NOTICES

Items for inclusion can be emailed to draytons@mtaspiring.school.nz for copying and pasting. Please clearly detail as follows:

- 1) **Who is this notice for?** ie All, Seniors / Juniors or specific year level
- 2) **The subject** eg 8SD Trade Day, Swim Sports, or specific student names
- 3) **The actual message** - typed in full, clearly and concisely
- 4) **The date(s)** the message should be displayed

Please note that there is no guarantee that the notice will be included in the current day's notices unless it is emailed to Samantha by 8.00 am in the morning.

BIKE PARKING

A large number of student bikes are being 'parked' along the side of the Wanaka community pool and against the gym and classroom walls opposite the pool. The pool bike rack is also being used by students.

Please note that the pool is not part of the college property and there are still spare places in the college bike racks. All students should be using the college bike racks and leaving the pool area free for the community making use of the pool.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Earlier this week we had a practice fire evacuation and we will have a further 'unexpected' fire at some point in the near future! Our procedures include a thorough sweep of classrooms and we aim to be confident that everyone is safely removed from the danger area within 3 minutes. The safe assembly point is up on the college fields lined up in whanau groups with Barker house closest to the hostel, followed by Iron, Pisa and Roy at the opposite end.

For your information, if it is necessary to evacuate the college after an earthquake, the location of students and staff will be exactly the same; there will be no-one at the office to direct you so you should head straight to the college fields to locate your children.

NINETY-FIVE TO GO!

We now have 765 EOTC forms entered on our student database. Just 95 forms to be completed and returned. EOTC trips are already starting to happen and it would be great if we could begin to use all the medical information entered on Kamar instead of the constant form filling for trips.

If your child was handed a form last week it means that we have nothing on file for them on our system.



Many hands make light work!

Well done to BBY whanau and the Gateway class for helping the Grounds Team last Friday with a massive delivery of new bark chips for around the climbing boulder. Your help is much appreciated.

Make Bullying History

An Interactive Session with Brett Murray for parents and teachers

Thursday 18 February 3.20 - 4.40 pm
at the Holy Family School

For more information, please check out <http://www.makebullyinghistory.org> and www.listen.org.nz

ATTENTION YEAR 8 GIRLS

All HPV forms need to be returned by this Friday 19 March

NEED A BALL GOWN?

Che Bello will be at the Assure Central Gold Motel in Cromwell from 3-7 March with a large selection of ball gowns.

Anyone who would like to make an appointment during this time should use the contact details below:

Che Bello
Dunsandel, [03 3254321](tel:033254321), [0277578257](tel:0277578257)

BIKES - LOST AND FOUND

LOST Silver 'Giant Boulder' bike and white helmet taken from school bike rack on Tuesday night.

If you have seen this please let Simone Johnson know on 027 626 0205, or return it, no questions asked.

FOUND A bike and helmet were left in the bike racks over the Christmas holidays and were tucked away for safe keeping.

If this could be yours please come to the office and describe the make, model and colour to claim it.

Blue Mountain
Motorcycle Club

"Spylaw Trail Ride" Sunday 6 March

For more information check out the poster on the noticeboard at the college office.

GOOD LUCK to Dougal Stalker who leaves today to take up a fully funded five month AFS scholarship in Argentina.



Meet The Highlanders

Molyneux Park, Alexandra, Thursday, 18 February 1.00 - 1.30 pm (revised time)

For further information call Julie on 027 277 6695



KAPAHAKA

Awesome effort by all those students who attended the kapahaka workshop last Friday. A huge

thank you to Jeromy Van Riel for sharing his passion and knowledge with the group as well as Marie, Tania and Queenstown Lakes District Council for their support.



Speak with Confidence Course for Year 12 and 13 MAC students. Constructive feedback, group support, fun. Tips and techniques to speak in public with ease and confidence, manage nerves and be yourself.

Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23,30 March, 3.30-5pm, \$85. Enquiries please contact: Lee Ball: [027 333 4909](tel:0273334909), email: leeball40@gmail.com leeballcommunications.nz

Calling all Writers ...

World class workshop opportunity for keen writers, musicians and performers at the Wanaka Autumn Art School in April. Writing and Performance workshops with poet and film-maker [Carrie Rudzinski](http://CarrieRudzinski.com) and American Poetry Slam Champion [Ken Arkind](http://KenArkind.com).

More info at www.autumnartschool.net.nz.

WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA

Friday 25 March = Student's Day

All local students are invited to attend Warbirds Over Wanaka for **free** on Easter Friday. The aim is to educate young New Zealanders about New Zealand's aviation history and to inspire young people to take an active interest in all facets of aviation. Students who opt in will have a short tour of the show organized by the Air Cadets and are then free to enjoy the whole day at the show.

Parents are welcome to also attend this tour but will need to purchase a ticket.

Any students interested in receiving a free Warbirds ticket should listen out at whanau next week as whanau teachers will be making a note of names to send to the Warbirds administration at the end of February.